

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

Children & Teens Services Forum
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LET'S TALK ABOUT ZOOM



CarlHooker.com - <https://hookedoninnovation.com/2020/05/13/25-strategies-to-engage-zoom/>

Even though this article is directed at teachers engaging students in virtual learning, these 25 strategies can certainly be applied to virtual programming.

VIRTUAL BACKGROUNDS

- Using virtual backgrounds – use them as a theme for the program. Ask participants to add a virtual background that goes along with that days program, their favorite Manga character, favorite book cover, the list could be endless.
- Play I Spy with the backgrounds – name something in each participants background to “spy” – could be a 5 minute ice breaker

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SCAVENGER HUNT

- Scavenger Hunt - **goosechase** - the free version allows up to three individual participants or three teams – or you can simply ask participants to find objects in their home and bring back to show the group. Mr. Hooker suggests creating categories rather than specific objects, for example instead of a toy cell phone ask for an object with numbers on it.

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TRIVIA

- Live Quiz or Trivia - *Crowdpurr* - the free basic plan allows up to 20 participants.
- **Kahoot!** or **QUIZZ** are options as well.
- [Holiday Trivia Questions](#)

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DIGITAL BREAKOUT

- Digital Breakout - <https://www.breakoutedu.com/> or you can build your own <https://sites.google.com/site/digitalbreakoutjb/how-to>
- Winter Holidays



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BINGO AND JEOPARDY



- Play Bingo - **flippity**
- Host a game show - Flippity.net also has a Jeopardy like game show

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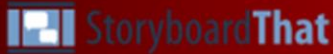
TUMBLEBOOKS VIRTUAL STORY TIME



- Choose a holiday or seasonal book for story time from the TumbleBooks library.
- Plan an activity to go along with the story time for a make and take pick up.

Many of the books have lesson plans which may give you ideas for activities.

DIGITAL STORYTELLING



[30 Best Digital Storytelling Resources](#)

[Printable Storyboard Template](#)

Storyjumper – account is free – design and create book. Completed book can be purchased as hardcover/softcover/digital download. Purchase is not necessary.

Thinglink – image tags to tell a story or experience

Storyboard that – create a 3 cell comic/graphic with the free account

Make Beliefs Comix – completely free ALA great websites for kids

30 Best Digital Storytelling Resources – most are ios app – nearly all are free Imagistory 5 stars on the educational app store -

FAMILY BAKING COMPETITION

- “Nailed It” style virtual baking competition
- Participants are given supplies to have ready (baked and cooled cake and ingredients for icing for example)
- Challenge is not revealed until the program
- Teams are given one hour to create
- Judges interact (virtually) with teams, watching, commenting, and asking questions.
- Pictures of completed challenge are posted on social media



<https://programminglibrarian.org/programs/great-brookie-bake-online>

Based on The Great Brookie Bake-Off (online) posted by Amanda Westfall to the Programming Librarian

Nailed It is a Netflix cooking competition. Amanda's participants were told to have two to prepare two baked and cooled round layer cakes and to have ingredients for chocolate icing. No other details were given until the competition started.

ARTIST TRADING CARDS

- Create kits for pick up
- Hold program between Christmas and New Year's with a Valentine's Day theme (or could be held mid-January)



Cut paper into 2.5 by 3.5 inch pieces (trading card size).

Playing cards can be used as well.

Include scraps of fabric, ribbon, stickers, magazine pages, scraps of patterned paper or other small pieces that could be attached to create a card. This would be a great project to use leftover craft supplies and scraps.

Hold virtual program showing participants examples of finished ATCs, explaining the concept and process.

Encourage participants to use their creations to trade (socially distanced of course), for gift enclosures, or to keep.

The 2.5x3.5 in. size will fit inside a trading card holder.

<https://programminglibrarian.org/articles/crafting-trash-low-cost-and-zero-waste-programs>

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Artist-Trading-Cards>

DAYS OF THE YEAR

- Did you know today is Nachos Day?
- Nov. 13th - World Kindness Day
- Fibonacci Day – Nov. 23rd
- Dec. 3rd is Make a Gift Day
- Gingerbread House Day is Dec. 12th
- Dec. 18th – Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/2020/11/>

ADDITIONAL IDEAS AND RESOURCES

- [Holiday activities and crafts](#)
- [Easy DIY Ornaments](#)
- [Lego Charades](#)
- [November Social-Media Challenge](#)
- [Winter Mad Libs](#)



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